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Letter dated 4 April 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration (S/2001/15).

I should like to bring it to your attention that this document fails to include among the matters of which the Security Council is seized the letter dated 21 August 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/786), which concerns the United States attack on the Shifa' pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum.

As is well known, ever since then the Sudan has continued to urge the Security Council to send a mission to investigate the facts relating to the reasons given at the time by the United States administration for the destruction of the plant, which met 50 per cent of the Sudan's needs for life-saving drugs and for veterinary vaccines. The Movement of Non-Aligned countries, the African group, the Arab group and the Organization of the Islamic Conference have all supported this request, as is shown in the relevant Security Council documents.

The Sudan therefore requests that the question of the destruction of the Shifa' pharmaceutical plant should be retained in the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized, particularly since the Sudan continues to hope that the Council will do it justice by sending a commission of inquiry to investigate the claims made by the United States concerning the plant.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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